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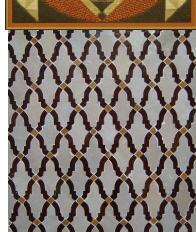
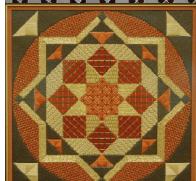
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Welcome to our Synagogue



פרשת וישב *Shabat Vayeshev*

Shabat December 24th, 2016 / כד' כסלו תשע"ז / 24 Kislev 5777

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Shabat Prayer Times

Shir Hashirim	4:15 p.m.
Minha	4:30 p.m.
Kabalat Shabbat	4:45 p.m.
Candle Lighting	4:27 p.m.
Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	6:50 a.m.
Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	8:30 a.m.
Tehilim	3:30 p.m.
Minha	4:00 p.m.
Shabat Ends	5:34 p.m.

Ereb Shabat, Friday December 30th, 2016

Shir Hashirim 4:20 p.m. (Candle Lighting 4:32 p.m.)

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- 7:50 am, Keriat Shema- 9:28 am, Shekia- 4:45 pm – שקידעה 4:45 pm – קריית שמע – מנוחה 4:30 pm – ערבית 5:10 pm.

Kiddush

This Shabat Kiddush is sponsored by **The Kiddush Group**
Everyone is welcome

Seuda Shelishit

This Shabat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by Mr. Salomon Nezry in loving memory of his father
Mr. Isaac Nezry ז"ל.
Everyone is welcome.

Nahalot

Perla Keslassy י"ג 26 Kislev/ Monday December 26th
David Kirshner ט"ז 28 Kislev/ Wednesday December 28th
Isaac Nezry ז"ל 1 Tebet/ Friday December 30th

Nahalot for the following week

Leah Nunes ט"ז 2 Tebet/ Shabat December 31st
Georgette Zahra Keslassy ט"ז, Clara Ohayon ט"ז 3 Tebet/ Sunday January 1st
Abraham Nahon ט"ז 4 Tebet/ Monday January 2nd
Yaacob Totah ט"ז, Yosef Mouyal ט"ז, Alan Marvin Krane ט"ז 5 Tebet/ Tuesday January 3rd

Dear Members..

December 31st is the final date for the Synagogue office to receive payments for donations and issue a tax receipt for the 2016 year .Please call the office now to pay your outstanding pledges before the end of the year. If you have already paid your balance, we wish to thank you for all your continuous support.



Happy Hanukkah

Abir Yaakob News

Kiddush Group

Due to the generosity of some members during Simchat Torah last year, our Kiddush Club was well funded and we had the pleasure of enjoying wonderful kiddushim all this time.

Shabbat Kiddush is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our friends, meet new members and enjoy great food! The fund that was started last year is now near depletion.

Please help us continue this wonderful tradition by becoming a Kiddush Club Sponsor.

Please contact the office at 905-669-7654 ext. 253 or maurice@kehilacentre.com

Get Involved!

The Kehila is looking to hire young men or women during the winter break to assist in up-dating our database information, please contact Isaac Cohen.

The Sephardic Kehila Centre is delighted to announce the formation of Brotherhood and Sisterhood committees and are inviting you to join! This is your chance to develop programs and fundraising events that will enhance the Kehila experience. For more information, please contact the office at 905-669-7654 ext 253 or email maurice@kehilacentre.com

MIMI'S Light

Most of you know that in 1995, I created the MIMI's Light project to help those members in our community light their Hanukia and bring them joy!!! This year, I have arranged to hold a special event for our dear friend Mr. Solly Levy on Wed. Dec 28 at 7PM SHARP!!! at the retirement home, CEDARVALE PLACE , located at 429 Walmer Rd. (St. Clair & Spadina).Please contact Max Benaim by email if you would like to attend and of course you're welcome to bring your wife, children and grandchildren.

Bnei Akiva

A reminder that Bnei Akiva is on Winter Break now. We'll be back on January 7!

Keep a look out for the Bnei Akiva bulletin in the shul showing future programming!

Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakob

Avot U'Banim - Saturday Nights at 7pm

Avot U'Banim will be postponed this week because of the synagogue Chanukah Bingo event.

Brunch and Learn - Sunday mornings at 10AM (following Shaharit)

Join Hacham Assayag every Sunday morning at 10AM for a special breakfast and open-ended learning session.

Topic: The underlying reasons behind the Minhagim.

Tefila begins at 9AM. For more information contact Hacham Assayag.

Daf Yomi

Please join us daily for Gemara Daf Yomi with Haham Assayag, immediately after Arbit.

Tuesday Night LIVE with Tomer Malca

Please join Tomer Malca on Tuesday nights in the Midrash at 7:30 p.m. for a shiur on relevant halacha topics of the day.

Night Yeshiva - Thursday Nights at 8pm

Attention high school and university boys: Come and enjoy a learning session followed by an intense game of basketball. Every Thursday beginning at 8pm. Special activities and trips take place bimonthly. For more information contact Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson.

Ladies Shiur - Wednesdays at 8pm

Parashat HaShavua, Halacha and more. Ladies are invited to join Rabbi Kadoch every Wednesday at 8pm for an hour of Torah learning and discussion. For more information or for email reminders, contact Rabbi Kadoch at davgkadoch@gmail.com

Life Matters - Thursdays at 9pm

Join Hacham Amram Assayag every Thursday night for a discussion on deep and profound insights on life and Torah values. Refreshments to be served. For more information contact Max Benatar.

Upcoming Events

Hanukah Bingo - Saturday December 24th

Come and enjoy our yearly Hanukah event with Bingo, prizes and lots of oily foods. It's fun for the whole family! Plus we will light the first candle of Hanukah. Don't miss it! Saturday night December 24th at 7:30. Details to be provided by either Isaac, Michael or Adam.

Oneg Shabbat - Friday December 30th

The entire Kahal Kadosh is invited to the house of Haham Amram and Rabbanit Shoshana Assayag for an Oneg Shabbat in celebration of Hanukah. Divre Torah, singing and good conversation will accompany delicious treats. Friday December 30th from 8pm-10pm.

Hope to see you there! (To host an Oneg Shabbat this winter, please contact Rabbi Kadoch)

In-House Kehila Girls Shabbaton - Grades 6-8 - January 20-22

Kehila Girls between Grades 6-8 are invited for an exciting in-house Shabbaton at the SKC. You will enjoy two delicious Shabbat meals with fun and games followed by a Motsae Shabbat activity and a Sunday RAPTORS GAME! To sign up, contact Rabbi Kadoch by December 24th 2017. Cost \$100/\$120 (non-member)

Bakashot are back! Saturday January 21st

@ Magen David 8-10pm

Everyone is welcome to a night of musical liturgy and Moroccan treats as our own Rabbi David Kadoch and Hazan Aviv Ouanounou lead the Bakashot of Parashat Vayehi. Abir Yaakob will host Bakashot Shabbat Zachor on Saturday March 4th.

In-House Kehila Boys Shabbaton - Grades 5-8 - January 27-29

Kehila Boys between Grades 5-8 are invited for an exciting in-house Shabbaton at the SKC. You will enjoy two delicious Shabbat meals with fun and games followed by a Motsae Shabbat activity and a Sunday RAPTORS GAME! To sign up, contact Rabbi Kadoch by January 1st 2017. Cost \$100/\$120 (non-member)

If you have a Mazal Tob that you would like to share with the congregation or if you have a change of address or email please call

Maurice Benzacar at (905) 669-7654 Ext. 253 or e-mail maurice@kehilacentre.com

Please be advised that the cutoff time for insertion in the bulletin is Wednesday.

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Hanukah and the Story of Yosef

Every year, without exception, the story of Yosef and his brothers is read during or just before the celebration of Hanukah. It is always at this time of year that we read about the very first instance of Sinat Hinam (baseless hatred) among the Jewish People – the hatred shown to Yosef by his brothers, who ended up selling him into slavery, banishing him from their family. Is this just a coincidence, or might there be some connection between the story of Yosef's being sold as a slave, and the festive celebration of Hanukah?

In truth, we have proof that a connection exists between the story of Yosef and the story of Hanukah. The Kabbalistic work Megaleh Amukot (by Rav Natan Shapiro, Poland, 1584-1633) noted that the Gematria (numerical value) of the name "Yosef" equals that of the name "Antiochus" – the Greek king who enacted the edicts against the Jews. Moreover, the Midrash writes that the Greeks forced the Jews to write upon the horns of their oxen a formal declaration that they renounced their allegiance to their G-d. Some Rabbis noted that this edict was intentionally associated with Yosef, who is compared to an ox ("Bechor Shoro Hadar Lo" – Debarim 33:17). The question, then, becomes, what is the point of connection between Yosef and Antiochus; between the story of the cruelty suffered by Yosef at the hands of his brothers, and the story of the cruelty suffered by the Jews at the hands of the Greeks? The answer is that the Greek persecution came because the Jews of the time repeated the mistake of Sinat Hinam which was first made by Yosef's brothers. The entire story of Hanukah was all about strife among the Jews and the decision to cure this ill through unity and peace. Indeed, the war against the Greeks was led by the Hashmonaim, a family of Kohanim. The Kohanim, the descendants of Aharon, carried his unique legacy of "Oheb Shalom Ve'rodef Shalom" – living as a "lover" and "pursuer" of peace. They embodied the ideal of peaceful relations among people, and thus it was specifically they who led the campaign to restore peace and harmony in Am Yisrael and thereby put an end to the Greek persecution.

Additionally, the Mishna (Middot 2:3) teaches that when the Greeks stormed the Bet Ha'mikdash, they made thirteen breaches in one of the walls surrounding the structure. Thirteen is the numerical value of the word "Ehad" ("one"), and thus represents Jewish unity, the ideal of Jews working and living harmoniously together as one. The thirteen breaches symbolize the breach in unity that wrought the campaign of oppression launched by the Greeks against the Jews.

For good reason, then, "Antiochus" has the same Gematria as "Yosef." If we repeat the mistake made by the brothers in their mistreatment of Yosef, then we suffer the oppression of Antiochus.

This is why we always read the story of the sale of Yosef around the time of Hanukah – because Hanukah is the time for us to focus our attention on eliminating Sinat Hinam from our midst, to correct the mistake made by Yosef's brothers, the mistake which, unfortunately, we continue to make even today. We read this story as a somber reminder of the devastating consequences of strife among Jews, and the need to work towards peace and harmony – especially during the time of Hanukah. It is perhaps for this reason, we might add, that people customarily make special parties with relatives, friends and neighbors during the Hanukah holiday. Celebrating together with our fellow Jews in joy and camaraderie is an effective way of strengthening the bonds between us and thereby combatting strife and fighting.

Please G-d, we will succeed during the upcoming Hanukah celebration to strengthen our love for all our fellow Jews, eliminate hatred and contention from our homes, from our communities, and from our hearts, and increase the level of peace and unity in our nation, so we will earn the merit of witnessing and experiencing miracles like those which were performed for the Hashmonaim, Amen

Shiur Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

"And he made him a woolen tunic."

From the word פְּתִימָה (tunic), the Rabbis hint to the future troubles Yosef was to experience: פַּוְתִּיפָּר סְטוֹחֲרִים יְיִשְׁמָעֵלִים (Potiphar, the merchants, the Ishmaelites and the Midyanites).

The great Maggid of Jerusalem, Rav Shalom Schwadron teaches a beautiful lesson from this interpretation. Often, our inner jealousy of others makes us believe that they have better lives than us. We tend to ask why we can't accumulate the wealth of our friends or stand with them in their upper echelons of society. What we fail to realize that every person carries his own "baggage," and while feelings of jealousy blur the goodness of our own life, we really don't know what type of life my acquaintance is really going through.

A perfect example of this takes place in the beginning of the

Parasha describing Yosef's brothers infamous jealousy toward him. The verse states that "Yaakov loved Yosef more than all his brothers since he was a child of his old age, and he made him a fine woolen tunic - ". It was because of this tunic, that bore the jealousy of the brothers towards Yosef. Yet, it was this same tunic that had weaved in it the future troubles Yosef was to experience. People see things, but they don't really know what they're seeing. If we pay more attention to "tunic" Hashem has given us along with the rest of our bountiful lives, we will notice that on the other side, the grass really isn't that green after all.

Shabbat Shalom.



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Hanukkah

It is with great pleasure that I wish all members of the Jewish community a very Happy Hanukkah.

Beginning on the 25th day of Kislev, for eight days and nights, Jews from around the world celebrate Hanukkah. On this occasion, Jewish families gather to eat latkes and sufganiyot, light the Hanukkah menorah, and reflect on the festival of lights.

Canada is a country defined by, and celebrated for its pluralism. Our ethnic, religious, and racial diversity is what makes us uniquely Canadian and allows all members of society to thrive within a multicultural fabric.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I join with all Jewish Canadians and people from around the world to celebrate this special holiday.

Please accept my warmest regards and best wishes for a Happy Hanukkah!

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